

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 525 Date April 20, 1989

Full Name Herman Suggs, Sr. Social Security Number Unknown  
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address [REDACTED] Phila., Pa. 19140: [REDACTED] Philadelphia, Pa. 19132

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth 4/33 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion Baptist Nationality American

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Education High School?

Weight Approx. 160 lbs Height 5'3" Race Afro-American

Color of hair Mixed Gray Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests Usually wears glasses

Married or single Separated Children 8 children: [REDACTED]  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting connections: Chartered organization Thankful Baptist Church

Unit No.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned
T 299	Phila.	Pa.	SM	1973	
T 572	Phila.	Pa.	SM	1959	

Special recognition Silver Beaver 1983; District Award of Merit

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: An accusation of child abuse and child molestation. An investigation by the Department of Human Services is in progress.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

CONFIDENTIAL

NOTED

MAY 1 1989

MAY 22 1989

F. STARON

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

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Signed

*Richard L. [Signature]*

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council

Philadelphia #525

CONF012293

May 26, 1989

Mr. Richard B. Marion  
Scout Executive  
Philadelphia Council, No. 525

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HERMAN SUGGS, SR.

Dear Dick:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY TO FILE  
MAY 24 1989  
ERIN O'RILEY

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READY FOR FILE

APR 11 1989

A. GRAVES

April 11, 1989

Mr. Richard B. Marion  
Scout Executive  
Philadelphia Council, No. 525

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: HERMAN SUGGS

Dear Dick:

Thanks so much for all the material on Herman Suggs. This will give us adequate documentation for placing him on the confidential file and refusing registration in the future.

We have issued a Credit notice which has been placed in your file and will be returned as we clean the file of Credits and Debits. This was a credit for \$7.00.

The only thing we are missing is a confidential record sheet. We are enclosing a form which we would like to have completed to the best of your ability, so that we may identify Mr. Suggs anywhere he might attempt registration. Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Northeast Region

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April 3, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P. O. Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Paul:

On March 17, 1989, we found it necessary to suspend Mr. Herman Suggs as a member of the Boy Scouts of America because of allegations regarding Mr. Suggs which we were required to report to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and, specifically, to Berks County Children and Youth Agency.

Senior District Executive Ray Braun brought to my attention an allegation of sexual abuse to [REDACTED] former Scout in Mr. Suggs's Boy Scout Troop 299, sponsored by Thankful Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Attached you will find a copy of the letter signed by Council Vice President, Frederick A. Welsh, suspending Mr. Suggs's membership, copy of official notification to Berks County Children and Youth Agency, including attachments, and a copy of a letter from Mr. Suggs directed to John Hunt, our Director of Field Service, which we received on March 22, 1989, wherein Mr. Suggs refused our refund of his registration fee.

It is my understanding that the Berks County agency has turned over the investigation to the Philadelphia Department of Human Services.

We will advise you if there is any change in Mr. Suggs's suspension.

If you have any questions, kindly give us a call.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Marion  
Scout Executive

RBM:RMM  
Enclosures

CC: Mr. John C. Hirschi



HERMAN SUGGS  
[REDACTED]

PHICA, 19132PA

DEAR MR. WELSH:

I HERMAN SUGGS, DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY MY REGISTRATION IS BEING REFUNDED. I AS A SCOUTMASTER FOR 30 YEARS. ~~SE~~SPENDED.

HERMAN SUGGS SR. DO NOT USED DRUGS OR TAKE NOTHING, BUT FROM THE DOCTOR. OVER THESE 30 YRS. I HAVE EARN IN 1963 MERITORIOUS SERVICE, SCOUTER TRAINING 1964 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE 1973 CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS. MERITORIOUS SERVICE AMERICAN LEGION POST #968 SCOUTER KEY 1965. AND A CENTURY MEMBER OF THE BOY SCOUT OF AMERICA. I AM ALSO THE FATHER OF 7 CHILDRENS 4 GRAND. PLEASE READ THE BOOK OF PSALMS 27 THAT WILL TELL YOU THE TRUTH. SOME ONE IS LIEING ON ME I AM SENDING BACK THE CHECK. REMEMBER READ PSALMS 27.

Herman Suggs Sr  
[REDACTED]

PHICA, 19132PA



March 17, 1989

Mr. Herman Suggs

Philadelphia, Pa. 19132

Dear Mr. Suggs:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are, therefore, compelled to request that you sever any relations you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of membership the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be granted or reinstated. The procedures for review are attached.

Sincerely,

Frederick A. Welsh  
Vice President

FAW:RMM

Enclosures



APPLICANT PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING REVIEW  
OF DECISION DENYING REGISTRATION

1. If registration is refused, the applicant may request a review of this decision. This request must be in the form of a written request from the individual which includes his or her version of the facts supporting the claim that registration should not have been denied.
2. Upon receipt of the written request for review, the President of the local Council shall appoint a committee to review the situation.
3. The appointed committee should review the facts as presented, and, in addition, may interview any persons whose testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. A confidential report will be given to the applicant setting forth the decision of the committee.
5. The applicant may -- if he or she does not agree with the decision -- request a review from the Regional Director by submitting a written request for such a review within 30 days of the receipt of the local Council decision.
6. If the Regional review does not satisfy the applicant, he or she may ask for further review by the National Council by submitting a written request for such a review within 30 days of the receipt of the Regional decision. The decision by the National Council is final.

3/17/89

RMM

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DATE	YOUR INVOICE NO	INVOICE DATE	INVOICE AMOUNT	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNT TAKEN	NET CHECK AMOUNT
	REC	3/17/89	7.00	7.00		7.00

PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL #525  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
22ND & WINTER STREETS  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103-1085

FIRST PENNSYLVANIA BANK N.A.  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19101  
3 2/310

007351

DATE	CHECK NO.
3/17/89	7351

CHECK AMOUNT
7.00

SEVEN AND ----- 00 DOLLARS

100

PAY  
TO THE  
ORDER  
OF

HERMAN SUGGS  
F299

*Richard B. Warner*

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March 17, 1989

Berks County Children and Youth Agency  
CPS Unit  
Court House, 12th Floor  
Reading, Pa. 19601

ATTENTION: Ms. Betty Sands

Dear Ms. Sands:

At 2 P. M. today, March 17, 1989, it was brought to my attention by Mr. Raymond Braun that he learned of an allegation of sexual abuse to [REDACTED], at the time, was a member of Boy Scout Troop 299, sponsored by the Thankful Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa. The allegation of abuse was brought to Mr. Braun's attention by [REDACTED]. The person accused is Mr. Herman Suggs.

Attached you will find Mr. Braun's report to me outlining the allegations as we know them. I have reported this, as of 3:30 P. M. today, Friday, March 17, to Mr. Chuck Whitesell in Harrisburg, Pa.

If I can be of additional assistance or can help you in any way, please contact me. If I am not available, Mr. John Hunt, Director of Field Service, Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America, or Mr. Raymond Braun, District Executive, Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America, can be reached at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Richard B. Marion  
Scout Executive

RBM:RMM

Enclosure

BCC: H. L. Yoh, Jr.  
General Frederick A. Welsh  
Kenneth L. Oliver, Jr., Esq.



March 16, 1989

Earlier this week I received a phone call from Gayle McElven - Den Leader for Pack 299. She informed me that she met a young man who left Troop 299 because he saw Mr. Suggs (the Scoutmaster) try to molest another Scout on a trip. I asked her for the boy's name and details. She told me that she would find them and get back to me.

On Thursday, March 16, 1989, she called and gave me the information that she had. She told me that she was riding with [REDACTED] (a member of her church Gospel Choir) past Thankful Baptist Church. She pointed out to him that this is where her Cub Pack meets. He then told her that he used to go to Thankful for Boy Scouts with Mr. Suggs. Ms. McElven asked why he stopped going to Scouts. His answer was that about four (4) years ago on a trip to New York city. Mr. Suggs tried to molest one of the Scouts. Gayle asked him if he was for real. His answer was yes, that is why he stopped going. Gayle asked if he told anyone. He said that he told Rev. Trapp, the Pastor, but nothing happened.

4:45 p.m.

I called and asked for [REDACTED]. A lady who answered, identified herself as his grandmother ([REDACTED]), said he was not home. I told her that I was calling about a problem that [REDACTED] had in Scouting. She told me that she was aware of the problem. She said that [REDACTED] and another Scout (she did not know his name) came home crying from the camping trip. She told me that [REDACTED] said he was approached by Mr. Suggs. She reported this to Rev. Trapp (then the Pastor, since has passed away). She received no response from Rev. Trapp, so she stopped [REDACTED] from going to Scouts. She told me that he is now 15 years old and that he was about 11 years old at the time of the trip. I told her that I would call back later to talk to [REDACTED].

5:30 p.m.

Not Home

6:25 p.m.

Not Home

7:00 p.m.

I talked to [REDACTED] and told him how I was and that I was calling about a problem he has in Scouting. I asked him if he would tell me about the problem and he agreed. He told me that this was his first trip with Troop 299 and that he was about 11 years old. He did not remember the date. He joined Scouting about one or two months before.

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Their camping trip was to a Camp Trovolter (he thinks owned by Thankful Baptist). After dinner and later that evening the Scouts were playing around with flashlights. Mr. Suggs got mad and told them to go to bed. [REDACTED] noticed that Mr. Suggs moved his ([REDACTED]) sleeping bag away from his friends and next to his (Mr. Sugg's). After [REDACTED] went to bed he felt Mr. Sugg's hand feeling him. [REDACTED] said he was afraid to make any noise. He finally got up and moved his sleeping bag away from Mr. Suggs. The next morning, Mr. Suggs called a meeting of all the Scouts. He talked to the boys about homosexual activities and told them that nothing happened the night before. He continued to say that if anyone says anything he would deny it. He went on to tell me that another boy, [REDACTED], was also involved at another time, but would not tell anyone about it. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he stayed at Mr. Suggs house, and that Mr. Suggs touched him at that time. [REDACTED] went on to tell me that Mr. Herman turned the other Scouts against him. He came home and told his grandmother and they told Rev. Trapp with no outcome. He went on to tell me that he still had his Scout uniform and that he would still like to be a Scout.

[REDACTED]  
Philadelphia, PA 19132  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
3-17-89

7 T299  
 LOCAL TROOP NUMBER

LEAVE SPACE BETWEEN FIRST NAME AND INITIAL..

BOY'S NAME—FIRST NAME AND INITIAL

LAST NAME

RANK—CHECK ONE

☐ (N) Boy Scout ☐ (S) Star

☐ (T) Tenderfoot ☐ (L) Life

☐ (2) Second Class ☐ (E) Eagle

☐ (1) First Class

STREET OR R.F.D.

DATE OF BIRTH

MONTH DAY YEAR

BOYS' LIFE

CHECK ONE

☐ NEW BOY SCOUT

☐ FORMER BOY SCOUT

☐ FORMER WEBELOS SCOUT

ADDITIONAL ADDRESS INFORMATION (if needed)

CITY

STATE

GRADE COMPLETED

ZIP CODE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN APPROVAL

SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT'S NAME

OCCUPATION

EMPLOYER AND BUSINESS ADDRESS

PREVIOUS SCOUTING SERVICE

FOR SCOUTMASTER'S USE

REGISTRATION FEE

BOYS' LIFE FEE

TERM (MONTHS)

UNIT RENEWAL DATE

MONTH YEAR

SCOUTMASTER'S SIGNATURE

FOR COUNCIL USE:

TRANSFER FROM

COUNCIL

NAT'L UNIT NO.

MEMBER ID NO.

PHILA

PA 19119

BOYS LIFE: TERM BEGINS ENDS

12 05/86 02/87

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

CITY

PD YOUTH

MULTIPLE YOUTH

PD YOUTH B/L SUBS

PD ADULTS

MULTIPLE ADULTS

PD ADULT B/L SUBS

TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED

CITY

STATE

BIRTH

ZIP

SEX

PHONE

LOCAL COUNCIL COPY

RENEWAL

UNIT NO. STATUS TERM (MONTHS) RENEWAL DATE

0299 R 12 2/87

QUALITY AWARD EARNED

110

REREGISTERING ON TIME

YES

TRAINED LONGER

YES

RUN DATE: 11/18/87  
RUN TIME: 07:17:45

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TROOP S-0299

CHARTER RENEWAL

PHILADELPHIA

PA

DISTRICT NAME & NUMBER	SUB-DIST NAME & NUMBER	COUNTY	LOCAL UNIT NO.	STATUS	TERM (MONTHS)	RENEWAL DATE
UNITY 09	TRADITIONAL 1	PHILADELPHIA	299	R	12	2/28/89

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION NAME & ADDRESS CODE INSTITUTIONAL HEAD NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE COUNCIL CERTIFICATION:  
THANKFUL BAPTIST CHURCH 175 ~~NEW YORK TRAPP~~ Russell Stahl -  
[REDACTED] NAT UNIT AWARD EARNED YES  
[REDACTED] REREISTERING ON TIME YES

PHILADELPHIA PA 19140

PHILADELPHIA PA 19119

TOP LEADER TRAINED? YES  
100% BOYS LIFE? ---

MEETING PLACE	AND	DAY	BOYS' LIFE:	TERM BEGINS	ENDS
D		MON		12 5/88	4/89

SIGNATURES:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION QTY FEE

INSTITUTIONAL HEAD CERTIFICATION SIGNATURE Russell Stahl

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE noth

MC Wm Simpson CC Wm Simpson  
MC Fred Cooper MC James R. Griesby

UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION Herman Suggs Sr.

444 MONTHS COMPLETED TENURE

TROOP

ON BASIC BUDGET PLAN? YES

HANDICAPPED XL

UNIT CHARTER FEE	19	\$ 20.00
PD YOUTH	19.00	\$ 74.60
MULTIPLE YOUTH		XXXXXXXX
PD YOUTH B/L SUBS	2	\$ 13.20
PD ADULTS	8	\$ 40.00
MULTIPLE ADULTS	1	XXXXXXXX
PD ADULT B/L SUBS	0	\$ 0
TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED		147.20

ADULT MEMBER LISTING

LDR NO	POS	BL	ST	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY & STATE	ZIP	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	PHONE
003501	MC R	FRED		CORLEY	[REDACTED]	PHILADELPHIA	PA 19119	01 / 00	M H	-
003502	MC R	LACEY		JENNINGS	[REDACTED]	PHILADELPHIA	PA 19132	01 / 00	M H	-
003499	SC R	WILLIAM		SIMPKINS	[REDACTED]	PHILADELPHIA	PA 19140	01 / 00	M H	-
003500	CC R	WILLIAM		SIMPKINS	[REDACTED]	PHILADELPHIA	PA 19140	01 / 00	M H	-
003505	SA R	FABIAN		SUGGS	[REDACTED]	PHILADELPHIA	PA 19132	6/21/58	M H	-
003504	Y SM R	HERMAN		SUGGS	[REDACTED]	PHILADELPHIA	PA 19132	01 / 00	M H	-
3	MC R	EZEKIEL		WILLIS	[REDACTED]	PHILADELPHIA	PA 19140	01 / 00	M H	-

SA. EUGENE WAITING TO IV  
MC. JAMES R. GRIESBY

CALL BACK REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL # 529

PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

On-Line \_\_\_\_\_ Batch \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER: JOHN HIRSCHIPOSITION: AREA DIR.TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_

DEBIT \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM CODE

&amp; UNIT #

RENEWAL DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

ID #

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HERMAN J. JONES50299 # 003504LET OF SUSPENSION DEC 3-17-89STATE INVESTIGATIVECR SHEET TO CORRE

SOLUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

Added to CF file  
Retired from file  
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cm

NAME PlumDATE 3-27-89

TIME \_\_\_\_\_



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

COUNCIL

No. 525 Date 4-7-89

REFER TO YOUR TRANSMITTAL REPORT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

☒ CREDIT NOTICE ☐ DEBIT NOTICE

REGISTRATION SERVICE

REGISTRATION Unit No. 50299 term \_\_\_\_\_ months

- ☐ Unit charter fee of \$20. Received \$\_\_\_\_\_ required \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Leaders (\_\_\_\_\_ prepaid) @ \$\_\_\_\_\_ each. Received \$ 7.00 required \$ 0  
(\_\_\_\_\_ transfer)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Members (\_\_\_\_\_ transfer) @ \$\_\_\_\_\_ each. Received \$\_\_\_\_\_ required \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Members \_\_\_\_\_ Leaders listed on transmittal form \_\_\_\_\_ on application
- ☐ Transfers must pay \$.50 each. Expiration given \_\_\_\_\_ We have \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Not on transmittal report ☐ Duplicate entry ☐ No application received.
- ☐ Correction made per your letter/telephone call \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No reply to our defective registration notice dated \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Returning \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Under Age ☐ Over Age

- BOYS' LIFE** Term \_\_\_\_\_ months
- ☐ Paid for \_\_\_\_\_ subscriptions; listed \_\_\_\_\_ subscriptions. Received \$\_\_\_\_\_ required \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Incorrect fees: \_\_\_\_\_ subscriptions. ☐ Back issues are not available.
- ☐ Please check attached copy. Pay debit—Use credit or return with copy of the roster showing corrections needed.

Herman Surge

Please add or subtract the amount(s) indicated on your next transmittal in the proper column(s) and return the original.

**BILLING**

Unit Charter Fee	\$_____	Explorer	\$_____
Tiger Cub	\$_____	Career Awareness Explorer	\$_____
Cub Scout	\$_____	Leader	\$_____
Boy Scout	\$_____	Boys' Life	\$_____
Varsity Scout	\$_____	Total	\$_____

**CREDITING**

Unit Charter Fee	\$_____	Explorer	\$_____
Tiger Cub	\$_____	Career Awareness Explorer	\$_____
Cub Scout	\$_____	Leader	\$ <u>7.00</u>
Boy Scout	\$_____	Boys' Life	\$_____
Varsity Scout	\$_____	Total	\$ <u>7.00</u>